

## Parish Family ABLAZE KEYNOTE 4-22-18

### FATIMA DECADE PRAYER (July 13, 1917)

***O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.***

(Typically said at the end of each decade of the Rosary)

### ASCENSION OF CHRIST INTO HEAVEN AND THE LAST JUDGMENT

#### I. ***“He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.”***

- A. Christ the Head intercedes for us in Heaven.
- B. Pentecost: The Birthday of the Church—the Body and Bride of Christ
  - 1. Church Militant—on Earth (body and soul)
  - 2. Church Suffering—in Purgatory (soul)
  - 3. Church Triumphant—in Heaven (soul)

#### II. **Four Last Things**

- A. Death
  - 1. Dying with Christ during our time on earth (in this final age)
    - a. Death to sin by Baptism and Reconciliation: *“If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, while the spirit lives because of justice.”* (Romans 8:10)
    - b. Death to self by sacrificing my will for God’s will and by serving others: *“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”* (John 12:24-25)
  - 2. Actual death: When an individual’s soul separates from his body
- B. Judgment
  - 1. During our life on Earth—Judge ourselves in the light of our conscience formed by the Gospel and animated by sanctifying grace
    - a. Confession
    - b. Reparation and Conversion
  - 2. At Death—Particular Judgement of the Individual Soul (Private)
    - a. Heaven for those with no need of purification
    - b. Purgatory for those who need temporal punishment due to forgiven sin
    - c. Hell for those who die in mortal sin through their own free choice
  - 3. At the End of Time at the Final Resurrection of the Dead—General Judgment of All Human Souls (*“from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead”*)
    - a. Public (Social) judgment seen by all humanity
    - b. Revelation of the impact of sin over history
    - c. Manifestation of God’s justice in condemning sinners
    - d. Manifestation of God’s mercy in saving souls
- C. Heaven: Holy Communion in mercy and grace as God is all in all
  - 1. Beatific Vision
  - 2. Interpersonal Communion—God/Angels/Men
- D. Hell: Unholy Alienation in malice and selfishness
  - 1. Horrific Vision
  - 2. Interpersonal Alienation—separation from God/Angels/Men/True self

### III. Passing the Final Exam: Grade Based on Works of Mercy to Address Poverty

#### THE NEED

#### THE GIFT (CORPORAL/MORAL/SPIRITUAL)

<u>Poverty</u>	<u>Corporal</u>	<u>Moral</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
Hunger	Food	Love	Word: Gospel/Eucharist
Thirst	Drink	Righteousness	Mercy of the Father
Stranger	Welcome	Domestic Church	Church
Naked	Clothe	Morality/Virtue	Grace/Holy Spirit
Sick	Visit/Heal	Admonish/Counsel	Reconciliation/AOS/Prayer
Prison	Visit/Free	The Truth	Christ (Deliverer)

#### DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

- I. How can a merciful and just God permit the existence of a Hell for angels and men?
- II. How does the fact that Jesus ascended to the right hand of the God the Father encourage us to pray, to meditate on the Gospel message, and to become like Him?

#### MISSION

- I. *Morning Prayer: "The Pardon Prayer," "The Prayer of the Angel of Peace," "The Eucharistic Prayer," "The Fatima Decade Prayer," and "The Fatima Sacrifice Prayer"*
- II. Mental Prayer during the day (20-35 minutes)
  - A. The Rosary
  - B. Journal Dialogue with one of the Three Persons of the Trinity, with Mary, or with one of the shepherd children of Fatima.
- III. Examination of Conscience: Use the list from the *"Final Exam"* to determine whether I am being merciful, as my Heavenly Father is merciful.
  - A. How have I fed others today?
  - B. How have I quenched the thirst of others today?
  - C. How have I welcomed the stranger today?
  - D. How have I clothed the naked today?
  - E. How have I cared for the sick today?
  - F. How have I consoled and helped those in prison today?